

ALI 2002 Survey – Attendees Comments

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: ALI 2002 Survey – Attendees Comments

Comments by ALI 2002 participants from Survey forms:

1. My expectation is high & I'm excited to be here -this is my 1st time attending the ALI conference.
2. I was unable to eat lunch provided by vendor. There was no vegetarian food or kosher meat. It should be added in future gatherings.
3. Need hotel with computer access - thank you for having fruits and [? illegible word] on menu
4. Need better room check sheets - need more room between tables in meeting rooms - breaks: we're aging and need more potty breaks please; overall AV good - large screen, some slides too small - not enough time at luncheon
5. Conference presentation were informative, scheduled breaks must occur at 50 minute intervals or the audience loses interest or attentiveness. Dine-around was nice touch - handout with sample library survey that can be modified for specific installation would be appreciated and helpful.
6. As week progressed, hotel did less for breaks and breakfast - sound was not good - microphone should be pinned to speaker - they kept moving away from microphone.
7. Place organizations as well as locations on the name tags in as large a font, as bold a font as will fit.
8. Good presentations -- move ALSG meeting after rather than before ALI for immediate after action review of ALI.
9. Each speaker should have a time limit of no more than one hour - panels should be at least 90 minutes, giving a three-person panel 30 minutes each [panelist].

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10. Programs should be 1 hour [long] if longer then a break should be provided.
11. Facilities were great. The speakers were very informative. To me, the best part was sharing experiences with other colleagues. The dine-arounds were a good addition.
12. High marks to all. Well organized. Good choices of outside speakers, except for Maas [High-Touch Public Library] who was dull. Excellent schmoozing in hallways.
13. Excellent speakers. Good planning and implementation. Nice relaxed location and atmosphere.
14. Very good this year. Much more content than expected. Ran very smoothly. Keep up the good work.
15. Bring Gary Price, Hope Tillman back for another ALI
16. Should have 'stand-up' break between speakers - disruptive having people constantly going in and out
17. Hotel rooms not that great - noisy from other rooms / hall. Break food / breakfast not that great - not enough stuff.
18. Hotel housekeeping very poor. Not enough food in morning s and on breaks. Monday training was outstanding.
19. Hotel "fell" in providing continental breakfast and lunch last couple of days. Temperature control no so good. Need microphone pinned to speakers clothing. Could not hear a lot of the time as some speakers turned away from microphone, spoke too fast, etc.
20. Continue with database training program.
21. Speakers need to use microphones. Incorporate CFSC training on databases into meeting. Have PCs available for actual hands-on practice for training sessions. Consider vendor displays provide pointers presenters. Keep up the good work!
22. Need breaks between each speaker! No fair to second speaker / audience attention span.

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23. Meeting room was cold.
24. Please make sure speakers know their time limits and stick to them. Please make sure speakers to NOT read their presentations – if they are being paid to speak they should have some experience. Check sound [system] after speakers begin and adjust accordingly after the first few minutes.
25. The hotel facilities were excellent. The program was outstanding. Needed more food at breaks.
26. I was sorry Joe Janes was not able to attend. The rescheduling of speakers to cover that time slot was seamless.
27. Overall, an excellent conference and training
28. Bell 'to get us back and then QUIET for start. Hotel staff, food, dining is great. House keeping lousy. Liked (a lot) luncheon table-talk idea. Very FULL DAYS! Good we had the Memorial at the hotel bar. There's more I'm sure but no time!! Oh, provide bottled water along with soft drinks [at breaks].
29. Sessions were a little long. Need shorter sessions with shorter breaks. Dine arounds were excellent. Would like to have more get togethers with various librarians.
30. Mr. Maas' presentation was better suited to the General Libraries day – switched with the AKO presentation which we all need to emphasize! Also, surely he [?Mr. Mass] was briefed on ALI and Army libraries? Speakers must use the microphone for the benefit of people past the 4th row.
31. Overall, I'd say it was a grand success. One recommendation: people were [? illegible word] to share their publicity – perhaps a table next year [for] exchange of ideas [publicity].
32. Too much techno geek. Temper with other topics. Speakers too long. Need little sessions.
33. Overall, for me the conference was very informative and helpful.
34. Problem first day hearing speakers over hymn-singing group next door. Would have liked Ms. Tillman to list all

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competencies instead of picking and choosing which she would discuss.

35. One of the worst hotels! Everyone has their hand out. Staff does NOT KNOW the local area. Physical plant falling apart. Dirty rooms hallways and other public areas. Meeting room did not stop outside noise.
36. This was the first time I attended ALI and I hope it won't be the last. I was impressed with the information and new knowledge I gained from attending ALI 02.
37. [My] spouse had a hard time M-T-W getting the hotel staff to answer the phone between 9–10:30 each night of the above so they could transfer his call to my room. Everything else was great. This caused both of us to loose sleep and he was angry.
38. Best Institute in years.
39. Social dine arounds worked well. Meeting rooms and AV support was excellent. Can the tax exemption forms be worked ahead? 1 and ½ hours too long for a speaker with a break. Gary's Web Research Buffet and Maas' High-Touch Public Library were both too long. Ms. Michalaga (AKO) now has an opportunity to move DALs page to the AKO front page.
40. Please provide more (or more regular) breaks. Some sessions were too long for comfort. Please try to have Dr. Janes speak again. AKM spot/speaker very important to us, I believe; please have follow-up next year. Great overall ALI!
41. Excellent content all tied to theme. Great opportunities for networking; outstanding organization of program; LTG LeMoyne's presentation was wonderful beginning.

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